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SUBJECT: UNDP - NEW UNDP PROCEDURES FOR CIRCULATION
OF PROJECT SUMMARIES

REF: USUN A-1267, SEPT. 13, 1973

1. THE MISSION IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE MR. I.G. PATEL,
IN REPLY TO HIS LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 11, 1973, THAT
THE US GOVERNMENT APPRECIATES HIS INFORMING IT
CONCERNING THE NEW CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILING WITH
REGARD TO APPROVAL OF PROJECTS AND GOVERNMENT
COMMENTS THEREON AND CONCURS FULLY WITH THE PROCEDURES
HE SUGGESTS.

2. THE US GOVERNMENT HAS LONG FAVORED MORE EXPEDITIOUS
APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS AND UNDERSTANDS
THAT ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS GOAL WILL MEAN THAT COMMENTS
CANNOT BE OBTAINED FROM INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS ON ALL
PROJECTS PRIOR TO THEIR APPROVAL.

3. WHILE WE AGREE THAT PROJECT SUMMARIES SHOULD IN
THE FUTURE BE PROVIDED LARGELY FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES
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ONLY, WE SHALL WISH TO CONTINUE TO COMMENT ON THOSE

PROJECTS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO US - ESPECIALLY
INTER-COUNTRY PROJECTS. WE THEREFORE APPRECIATE

MR. PATEL'S ADVICE THAT "IN SELECTED CASES, WHERE
THERE MIGHT BE A DANGER OF OVERLAP OR WHERE SPECIAL
CONSULTATION IS DESIRABLE TO ENSURE THE FULL
COMPLEMENTARITY OF ACTIVITIES," UNDP WILL REFER SUCH
PROJECTS TO US FOR COMMENT WITH AMPLE TIME FOR
REPLY.

4. IN LINE WITH THIS NEW PROCEDURE, WE SHALL ALSO
CONTINUE OUR IN DEPTH REVIEW OF COUNTRY PROGRAMS
PRIOR TO THEIR PRESENTATION TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
FOR APPROVAL AND WE SHALL PROVIDE THE UNDP
ADMINISTRATION WITH OUR WRITTEN COMMENTS. WE SHALL
ALSO CONTINUE TO URGE OUR FIELD MISSIONS TO MAINTAIN
CLOSE CONTACT WITH UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES AND
TO REVIEW PROJECT PROPOSALS WHENEVER HOST GOVERNMENT
POLICIES PERMIT.

5. THE DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH THE MISSION'S
PROPOSAL THAT HENCEFORTH IT RECEIVE ONLY TEN COPIES
OF UNDP PROJECT PROPOSALS. SIX COPIES SHOULD BE
FORWARDED TO IO/CMD AND FOUR TO AID/PPC/IA. WE
PRESUME THAT MR. ALLEN WILL HENCEFORTH PROVIDE
COMMERCE WITH ALL REQUIRED COPIES AND THAT NONE
NEED BE FORWARDED BY STATE. PORTER

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